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Subject: Briefing papers on Delta Water Quality for Drinking Water Purposes
and Agricultural Uses (Your Letters Dated March 29, 1993,
and April 1, 1993) (Bay-Delta)

Dear Mr. Yeager:

We have reviewed the subject briefing papers and believe that both the Bay
Delta Oversight Council (BDOC) and general public will find them informative.

Our technical comments are noted on the accompanying page.

Michael Jackson of my staff will be available at the April 16 Council meeting
to answer questions the BDOC may have on Reclamation's perspective on Delta
water quality. Should you have any questions, you may phone Mr. Jackson at
978-5095.

Sincerely,

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TECHNICAL COMMENTS**I. DRINKING WATER QUALITY ISSUES FOR DELTA SOURCE WATERS**

- 1) Delta Source Water (p.6, paragraph 4):
We suggest that consideration be given to alternative means of source control for the protection of water quality in the Delta as was eluded to in the Safe Drinking Water Plan for California referenced on page 5.
- 2) Location of Export Facilities (p.15):
We suggest you also include the non-project Delta diversions in this section.

II. DELTA AGRICULTURE AND WATER QUALITY

- 1) Sources of Salt Load In Delta Channels (p.6, 1st full paragraph): We suggest the option of reduced pumping for salinity control be included.
- 2) Proposed Decision 1630 Standards (p.9, 2nd full paragraph): We are not aware that the referenced SDWA agreement was signed.